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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE - EXAMINING GROUP 1650**

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Ralf M. Luche and Bo Wei
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Filed : March 16, 2000
For : DSP-2 DUAL-SPECIFICITY PHOSPHATASE

Examiner : SLOBODYANSKY, Elizabeth
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Office Action dated February 20, 2004, please extend the period of time for response one month to expire on June 20, 2004. Enclosed are a Petition for an Extension of Time and the requisite fee. Please amend the application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.